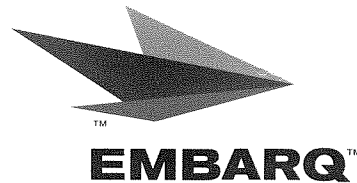


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Marlene H. Dortch, esquire
Secretary
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Re: Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47
U.S.C. §160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence,
and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas,
WC Docket No. 06-172

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am submitting herewith a copy of the letter Embarq provided to the Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") in accordance with the procedures described in the Protective Order released September 14, 2006, requesting access to Verizon's confidential filings in the above-referenced proceeding. The attached letter contains copies of the signed acknowledgements of confidentiality of counsel and regulatory analyst of Embarq, agreeing to be bound by the Protective Order.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

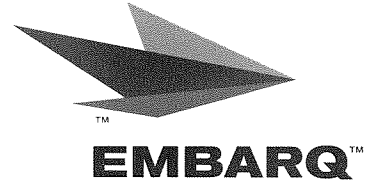
Respectfully submitted,

Craig T. Smith

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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Embarq, and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Protective Order adopted on September 14, 2006, in the referenced proceeding, I am enclosing copies of the acknowledgements of confidentiality of seven persons employed by Embarq who will require access to confidential versions of Verizon's filing in this proceeding. Acknowledgements are being submitted for the following individuals:

Counsel for Embarq

David Zesiger
David C. Bartlett
Ellen S. Martin
Craig T. Smith

Regulatory Analysts for Embarq

Chad C. Eckhart
Brian K. Staihr
Jeff L. Lindsey
Kenton Dickerson

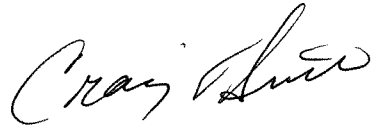
Embarq requests that the individuals listed above be granted access to all of Verizon's confidential filings in this proceeding. Access to full versions of Verizon's filings will be necessary for Embarq to formulate a complete response to the assertions contained in Verizon's

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forbearance petitions. Copies of this letter and the attached acknowledgements of confidentiality are also being provided to the Commission today as indicated in the attached letter.

Please let me know if any questions arise in connection with this submission.

Sincerely,

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Craig T. Smith

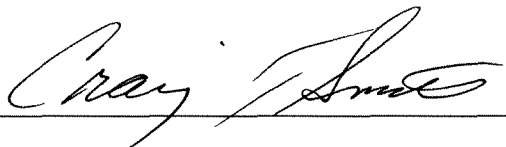
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WC DOCKET NO. 06-172

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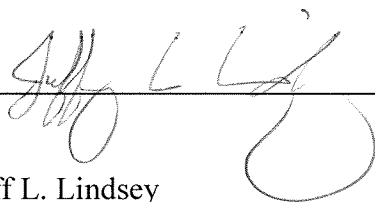
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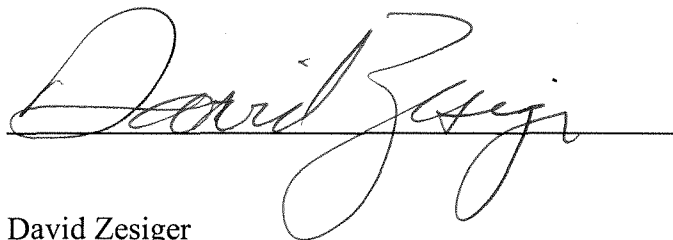
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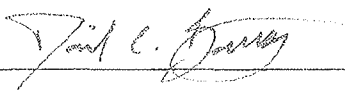
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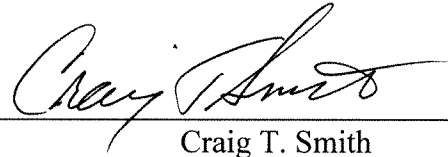
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Craig T. Smith, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Acknowledgments of Confidentiality were filed via ECFS and served upon the below Counsel of Record by First Class Mail, postage prepaid on this 13th day of October 2006:

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